

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT  
AND  
FORT BOWIE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
ARIZONA, 85643

September 19, 2005

**CHIR / FOBO OFFICE ORDER #25**

**2005 COMPENDIUM: 36 CFR 1.7(B)**

This supersedes Office Order #25, dated February 2004.

DESIGNATIONS, CLOSURES, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS  
IMPOSED UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
TITLE 36, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1

Under the provisions of 16 U.S.C., Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's Orders (compendium) are established for Chiricahua National Monument (NM) and Fort Bowie National Historic Site (NHS). Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the regulations contained in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR.

Recommended:

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Andy Brinkley, Chief Ranger

Date

Approved:

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Alan Whalon, Superintendent

Date

## **PART 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS**

(A)(1) The following areas are closed or restricted to public entry or use during the periods indicated for reasons of public safety, resource protection or visitor enjoyment:

- Picnicking is prohibited from the Bonita Campground individual campsites. Picnicking is allowed in the Bonita Campground Group Campsite; as per posted procedures.

Fine: \$50.00

- Technical or high angle rock climbing, rappelling, climbing free, using hardware or rope aid is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

- Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area is prohibited, provided however, that the Superintendent may designate areas or times that wood may be collected by permit or other written authorization.

Fine: \$50.00

- Wheeled vehicles are prohibited from being used, carried, or walked on all Chiricahua NM/ Fort Bowie NHS trails, except for hand powered wheel chairs for the mobility impaired and baby strollers.

Fine: \$50.00

- Willfully approaching or remaining within 25 yards of bears or any other wildlife or nesting birds is prohibited. The use of audio or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife is prohibited. Park personnel and authorized researchers with a permit, acting within the scope of approved management or research activities, are excepted. This rule does not apply to inadvertent or casual encounters.

Fine: \$50.00

- Entering into mines, mine shafts, caves, pits, holes or other depressions which are the result of mining activity is prohibited without permission from the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

- The Superintendent may designate closures due to inclement weather (lighting, snow, ice, strong winds, thunderstorms, floods or rockfall) hazardous road or trail conditions, resource management or research activities, wildland or prescribed fires, wildlife management areas or special maintenance activities.

Fine: \$50.00

- Roads closed to non-official vehicle use: all service and administrative roads, residential and maintenance areas, so designated by signs and/or locked gates.

Fine: \$50.00

- Fort Bowie NHS visiting hours are open to the general public from sunrise to sunset (Visitor Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visiting during closed hours requires the written permission of the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

- The Fort Bowie Administrative Access Road is closed to the general public. All visitors must access the fort by a 1.5 mile trail accessible from the Apache Pass Road; unless mobility impaired or with prior permission granted by the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

- The water from Apache Springs at Fort Bowie NHS is closed to public consumption.

Fine: \$50.00

## **SECTION 1.6 PERMITS**

(a) The following activities require special permits:

- Public Assemblies and Meetings	2.51
- Weddings	2.50
- Commercial Photography	5.5(b)
- Motion Picture and Television	5.5(a)
- Special Events	2.50
- Sale and Distribution of Printed Matter	2.52
- Memorialization	2.62(b)
- Construction of Buildings or other facilities	5.7
- Explosives	2.38(a)
- Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net	2.4(d)
- Residing on Federal Lands	2.6 1(a)
- Research Specimen Collections	2.5
- Livestock Use	2.60
- All Restricted Visitor Activities	1.5 (d)
- Display of Commercial Notices or Advertisement	2.52
- Commercial Business Operations	5.3
- Firewood Collection	

(b) The Superintendent may remove or suspend services of disorderly persons or groups or permit violators from the park area.

## **PART 2: RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION**

### **SECTION 2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

(a) (7) Possessing or using a mineral or metal detector or a metal detecting device or digging tools is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

(c)(3) (i) Edible berries, fruits, nuts, mushrooms or plants may be gathered by hand for personal daily consumption within the park boundary. All preserving and/or canning of native products collected or the gathering of undesignated natural products within the monument is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

### **SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(b) (c) All park areas are closed to hunting/trapping.

Fine: Mandatory Appearance

(d) Transportation/possession of legally taken wildlife while in the park boundaries requires approval from the Chief Ranger's office or his delegates. Game must be legally tagged, stored in a manner as to not attract wildlife and in the lawful possession of the license/tag holder.

Fine: \$50.00

(e) While at Fort Bowie NHS hunters in possession of legally taken wildlife the game must be legally tagged, stored in a manner as to not attract wildlife and in the lawful possession of the license/tag holder.

Fine: \$50.00

(f) Attracting wildlife with any artificial light, including flash photography, at night anywhere in the park is prohibited.

Fine: \$350.00

## **SECTION 2.4 WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS**

(a)(1)(I) Possessing a firearm is illegal unless the weapon is unloaded, stored and inaccessible within a motor vehicle or camping unit. Hunters parking within the boundaries of Fort Bowie NHS are permitted to possess an unloaded weapon with the sole purpose of crossing park lands to access game lands.

Fine: \$200.00

## **SECTION 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE**

(a) Pursuant to the authority authorized by this section and/or reason of visitor safety and resource protection, a fee is required to camp within Chiricahua National Monument. Camping at Fort Bowie National Historic Site is prohibited.

(b)(9) Camping Conditions:

- Overnight camping within the boundaries of the monument is restricted to the established campsites in the Bonita Campground. Camping or overnight parking in other locations is prohibited. Camping in all parking areas, pullouts or undesignated places identified by either sign or regulation is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

- Camping in the Bonita Campground is limited to a maximum of eight people per site, a maximum of two vehicles per site when space is available and a maximum of two tents per campsite. All vehicles must be parked so as to not block or restrict traffic on campground or main road.

Fine: \$50.00

- Use of Bonita Campground as a hunting camp is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

- Camping in the Bonita Campground Group Campsite is limited to a maximum of nine to 24 people. A maximum of eight tents in the camping area and five vehicles is allowed in the parking area.

Fine: \$50.00

- Camping fees are due within one hour of occupying a campsite. All campsites must be identified as occupied by placing receipt upon campsite post or by showing the campsite as occupied. Checkout time is 11:00 a.m.

Fine: \$50.00

- The subletting of campsites or camping space is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

- Campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours without prior approval of the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

- Camping in the monument by any person, party or organization during any calendar year shall not exceed 14 days, either in a single period or combined separate periods.

Fine: \$50.00

- Quiet hours in the campground are 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. During the quiet hours, the use of generators, portable or fixed motors or any type of noise producing machine, or any activity which creates unusual noise or unreasonably disturbs other visitors or residents, is prohibited.

Fine: \$50.00

- The use of solar showers and clotheslines are prohibited.

Fine: \$25.00

(d) In all areas food garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object

Fine: \$50. 00

## **SECTION 2.13 FIRES**

(a) (1) Open fires are permitted only in government provided/established grills, grates or fire rings or in designated sites in the campground and picnic areas. Charcoal fires in self-contained grills are permitted. Charcoal must be cooled and disposed of in a garbage receptacle. Fires in portable fire containers are subject to approval by law enforcement staff.

Fine: \$50.00

(c) During periods of high fire danger, the Superintendent may close all or a portion of a park area to the lighting or maintaining of a fire.

Fine: \$100.00

## **SECTION 2.15 PETS**

(a) (1) Dogs (except guide dogs and hearing dogs), cats and other pets are prohibited from Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS except in the locations specified below:

- Roads, parking areas, residences, picnic areas and Bonita campground.
- Established trails within Fort Bowie NHS.
- The Bonita Canyon Campground, Faraway Ranch and Visitor Center trails at Chiricahua NM.

(a) (2) The pet leash may not exceed 6 feet in length.

(a) (3) Pets may not be left unattended and tied to an object for more than one half hour at Chiricahua NM or Fort Bowie NHS.

Fine: \$50.00

-Pets may be kept by individuals residing within Chiricahua NM or Fort Bowie NHS in accordance with the Superintendent's Office Order # 26.

## **SECTION 2.16 HORSE AND PACK ANIMALS**

(a) Designated pack animals are limited to horses, burros, mules, ponies and llamas.

Fine: \$300.00

(g) Conditions:

- Stock parties shall not include more than 10 animals in one continuous group, with a maximum of twenty animals per party/organization daily, or fewer when so specified by specific permit restrictions.

Fine: \$50.00

- Parking of horse trailers and vehicles transporting stock is limited to the paved portion of the Faraway Ranch parking area. Faraway Ranch trailhead is the only designated stock trailhead at Chiricahua NM. Parking for stock vehicles at Fort Bowie NHS is limited to pullouts and parking lots large enough to accommodate stock vehicles as well as visitors.

Fine: \$50.00

- All manure and animal waste must properly be disposed of by removal from the park by the animals owner/keeper.

Fine: \$50.00

- Stock parties are prohibited off trail (except for short term picketing, hobbling or highlining) or on the Heart of Rocks Loop Trail and the Massai Point Nature Loop.

Fine: \$50.00

- The use of stock is confined to the trail system of both park units. The use of stock is restricted from the Fort Bowie Ruins areas and confined to the trail system, hitching area near the Visitor Center and the Butterfield Stage Route.

Fine: \$300.00

- The tying of stock to any living or dead feature causing injury or damage to the feature or vegetation, is prohibited. Picketed, highlined or hobbled animals shall not be kept so as to interfere with the use of the trail system by hikers.

Fine: \$50.00

- Pack animals are not permitted to be kept in the Bonita Campground.

Fine: \$50.00

-The feeding of hay or grain is permitted but only by feed bags or inside trailers used to haul the animals.

Fine: \$50.00

## **SECTION 2.21 SMOKING**

(a) All park structures, other than private residences, are closed to smoking.

Fine: \$50.00



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **SECTION 2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLY**

### **SECTION 2.52 SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

Permits for special events, public assemblies and for distribution of printed matter will be issued pursuant to standards established in NPS-53 (Special Park Uses Guideline).

Permit conditions:

- The areas designated for special events, public assemblies and distribution of printed matter are: Bonita Creek Picnic Area, the Sugarloaf Mountain Picnic Area and Parking Lot and the Visitor Center areas (with restriction) of Fort Bowie NHS and Chiricahua NM. See attached maps.
- In addition to public assemblies/special events and meetings, gatherings, parades, demonstrations, or other public expressions of views are subject to the conditions of this regulation.
- All requests for public assembly/special event permits must be made a minimum of 72 hours in advance and in writing.
- No more than two public assembly/special event permits will be issued for any one day.
- The maximum number of participants in a public assembly/special events will be limited to 100.
- Public assembly/special events shall not exceed two hours in duration.
- The public assembly/special event permit may be canceled at the discretion of the Superintendent when an emergency or potentially hazardous condition exists.
- All costs incurred by the park area as a result of the public assembly permit/special event will be recovered from the permit holder.
- Public assembly/special events shall not interfere with normal public use or pedestrian flow.
- Public assembly/special events shall not take place during hours of darkness.
- Noise levels must not exceed the limits established in 36 CFR 2 12, Audio disturbances.
- The maximum number of participants engaged in the sale or distribution of printed matter is 5 for Fort Bowie NHS and 10 for Chiricahua NM.
- The commercial sale of items other than the printed matter approved for sale with a permit is prohibited.
- The permit holder is responsible for cleaning the public assembly/special event area upon the completion of the event.

Fine: \$250.00

## **SECTION 2.62 MEMORIALIZATION**

- (b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited except with prior written permission from the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

## **PART 4 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

### **SECTION 4.11 LOAD WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS**

- (a) Operating a vehicle which exceeds the physical limitations of the roadway, and the operation of any commercial tractor/trailer, without approval from the Superintendent, on the road between the entrance station and Massai Point is prohibited
- (b) Vehicle length restriction for Chiricahua National Monument is 29 feet or less beyond the Visitor Center. In addition a length restriction of 29 feet or less applies to the Bonita Campground. Fifth wheel and bumper pull trailers are also limited to 29 feet or less (the actual length of the trailer). Authorized school busses and tour busses are exempt from this regulation until an alternative transportation plan is implemented.
- (c) Parking for oversize vehicles will be the paved portion of Faraway Ranch parking lot.

Fine: \$50.00

### **SECTION 4.21 SPEED LIMITS**

- (b) The maximum speed limit in the monument is 35 miles per hour where posted. All areas other areas are posted with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Fine: \$50.00 or \$5.00 per mile if 11 mph or greater over the posted speed limit.

### **SECTION 4.23 OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**

- (a) Operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle is prohibited while:
- (2) The alcohol concentration of the operator's blood or breath is 0.08 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 0.08 grams or more of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

Fine: Mandatory Appearance

### **SECTION 4.30 BICYCLES**

(a) The use of bicycles is prohibited except on park roads, parking areas and paved surfaces.

Fine: \$50.00

(d) (1) The use of bicycles in a designated wilderness area is prohibited.

Fine: \$300.00

### **SECTION 4.31 HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking is prohibited within Chiricahua NM.

Fine: \$50.00

## **PART 5 COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS**

### **SECTION 5.2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALE OF INTOXICANTS**

(a) The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited without written authorization from the Superintendent.

(b) The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within all government buildings at Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS, except residences unless specifically authorized as part of a special event, or by permission of the Superintendent.

Fine: \$50.00

### **SECTION 5.3 BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

Engaging in, or soliciting any business in the Monument must comply with Commercial Use and Incidental Business Permit guidelines.

Fine: \$200.00